

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting

The twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society was held on the beautiful campus of Westmont College from Monday evening, December 26, through Wednesday, December 28, 1970. The sparkling weather, though slightly cool by California standards, was a benison to delegates from colder regions of the United States. Local coordinator, Dr. Robert Gundry of Westmont's faculty, performed his duties with courtesy and efficiency, ably assisted by staff members and student chauffeurs. The accommodations were excellent, as were the meals, especially the Tuesday evening banquet.

Harold Lindsell and his committee arranged a program which proved to be a creative departure from traditional formats. It began traditionally on Monday evening with the Annual Banquet, though retiring president, Dr. Robert Cooley delivered a not-too-traditional address on "Toss Me a Bone," an illustrated lecture-speech dealing with Canaanite burial customs. Untraditionally, however, the sessions Tuesday morning and afternoon were devoted to a Jewish-Evangelical dialogue. National Interreligious Affairs Director for the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum in his introductory remarks on Tuesday morning reminded the audience of the heritage possessed mutually by Jews and evangelicals. He remarked that evangelicals, unlike liberal Protestants, are as a rule strongly sympathetic toward Zionism and hold fast to the authority of the Old Testament which underlies Zionism but which liberal Protestants have been engaged in demythologizing. He stressed the need not only for respect but likewise integrity in dialogue. Dr. Sampson H. Levey, professor of Rabbinic and Jewish Religious Thought at the Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, then presented a provocative paper on "The Messiah and the Messianic Era; Jewish and Christian Perspectives." After Dr. J. Barton Payne had responded to some of Dr. Levey's interpretations and set forth a Christian counter-position, a general discussion followed, unfailingly courteous, irenic in spirit, yet candid and uninhibited. One of the participants was Dr. Asoki of the University of Hawaii.

In the afternoon Dr. William Bass of Biola College reopened the dialogue with his paper, "Theology No Issue: Appraisal of the Jewish-Christian Barrier." Again vigorous discussion ensued with the unbridgeable difference of viewpoints regarding the person and work of Jesus Christ emerging very clearly. It was generally felt, however, that precisely because unbridgeable differences were thus highlighted, bridges of

understanding and friendship were built by means of this dialogue. Incidentally, these sessions received nationwide publicity.

Tuesday evening the symposium on "Faith and History" likewise precipitated vigorous discussion. With Dr. John W. Snyder, Westmont's president, serving as chairman, three panelists presented brief papers: Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, Dr. Harold Lindsell, and Dr. Ronald Nash. Audience reaction and interaction were spirited, bringing out forcibly the evangelical options on this pivotal issue.

As usual, a wide ambit of subjects was covered in the simultaneous section meetings, ranging from Palestinian artifacts to the contemporary influence of drugs.

At the first business session early Tuesday morning, Dr. Vernon Grounds, the Society's secretary-treasurer, gave these reports on membership and finances:

The Membership Committee of the Evangelical Theological Society for 1970 consisted of the following members: William S. Sailer, Marvin R. Wilson, John J. Davis, Jr., W. B. West, Jr., Robert L. Saucy, and Alvin Martin; with Vernon Grounds, chairman.

The following tabulation will indicate the changes in the three categories of our membership for the past year:

	Member	Associate	Associate Student
Active as of last year	552	171	79
Withdrew	(13)	(11)	(1)
Deceased	(1)	—	—
Dropped for non-payment of dues	(25)	(23)	(15)
Transferred	10	—	(10)
Reinstated	4	—	—
Received during 1970	37	24	45
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Total Membership, 12/31/70: 823	564	161	98

Deceased Member: Floyd Hamilton, 9/2/69 (The Society was notified in 1970).

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS			
Cash in Bank		\$1,605.48	
Petty Cash		100.00	
Accounts Receivable, 1969 Membership Dues		214.00	
Book Inventory			
Current Monograph—444 books ...	\$1,743.90		
Prior Years' Monographs			
Clark—9 books	\$ 27.00		
Longenecker—58 books	156.60		
Tenney—230 books ...	788.91	972.51	2,716.41
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TOTAL ASSETS			\$4,635.89

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		\$1,975.00	
Net Worth—Accumulated Income, Prior Years	\$2,141.80		
Income, 1/1/70—12/31/70	519.09	2,660.89	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			\$4,635.89

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
December 31, 1970

INCOME

Dues		\$6,193.00	
Subscriptions		980.10	
Miscellaneous Journal Sales		154.10	
Sale of Books	\$ 221.90		
Less Cost	210.76	11.14	
Income from Gifts		106.50	
Miscellaneous Income		5.54	
			\$7,450.38

EXPENSE

Bank Charges and Canadian Exchange	\$ 4.18		
Expense Allowances—Sections	300.00		
Miscellaneous Expense	79.03		
Office Supplies and Stationery	250.87		
Postage and Mailing Expense	427.12		
Printing, Journal	5,090.09		
Secretary-Treasurer Grant	780.00	6,931.29	

NET INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1970

\$ 519.09

Wednesday morning during the second of the sessions, Dr. Samuel Schultz, editor, reported that the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* had been published in four parts during the year of 1970 consisting of 16 articles and 38 book reviews—a total of 260 pages.

During that same meeting, the Society elected as president Dr. Robert Saucy of Talbot Seminary in Los Angeles. It also heard reports on the five United States sections as well as its Canadian section. Greetings were conveyed from the recently organized Evangelical Theological Society of Japan. The international flavor was heightened by the personal report of the Rev. Ismael Amaya, a faculty member of Pasadena College, on activities among Latin American evangelicals.

The Society heard a moving tribute by Dr. Everett Harrison of Fuller Theological Seminary to his deceased colleagues, Dr. Clarence Roddy and the Rev. Jaymes Morgan, both of whom died in 1970.

Approved were these five resolutions presented by a committee composed of Dr. A. J. Klassen and Dr. Arnold Ehlert:

Be It Resolved That

1. The Administration and Staff of Westmont College be thanked most heartily for offering their facilities and hospitality for our meeting; the dining room and housing staff for their gracious accommodations and delicious meals; and the students who chauffeured delegates to and from the airport.
2. Sincere appreciation be expressed to Dr. Harold Lindsell for his excellent leadership in planning an interesting and instructive program; to the individuals who have read papers, participated in the symposium, and chaired the various sessions.
3. Special recognition be given to the members of the Jewish community who met with the Evangelical Theological Society for the purpose of entering into serious dialogue in formal sessions as well as informal conversation.
4. The Evangelical Theological Society encourage the evangelical community to continue meaningful dialogue with our Jewish friends whenever the opportunity presents itself.
5. Deep appreciation be expressed to the retiring officers of the Evangelical Theological Society for their diligent and productive labors during the past year, and that the members be encouraged to cooperate with the incoming officers in furthering the objectives and work of the Evangelical Theological Society during the coming year.

Announcement was made that the Society's twenty-third Annual Meeting will be held on the Gordon-Conwell campus, December 27 through December 29. The Planning Committee has been requested to consider the possibility of a Protestant-Roman Catholic dialogue.

The Executive Committee made public tentative plans for the Society's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting in 1973. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Merrill Tenney, Dean of the Wheaton Graduate School, a symposium on the New Testament is being arranged, paralleling the twentieth anniversary symposium on the Old Testament. Dr. F. F. Bruce of the University of Manchester will be the featured speaker.

On Monday afternoon prior to the Society's Annual Meeting, the Near East Archaeological Society conducted an organizational session, while on Tuesday the Society of Bible Collectors displayed some rare editions of Scripture and likewise held a business session.

Thus now well into its third decade of ministry, the Evangelical Theological Society continues to implement the purpose for which it was founded, the dissemination and defense of Christian orthodoxy in the world of contemporary scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon Grounds, Secretary